

VICI meeting notes 2010-05-27

Present: Pascal, Willem-Paul, Tim, Catholijn, Dmytro, Joost, Birna, Alina,

Absent: Koen, Wietske, Iris

Agenda:

1. next reading group
2. PN prototype
3. AAMAS
4. submitting to IS conferences

Notes:

1. The next reading group will be held by Iris on the 15th of June. Topic TBA.
2. Joost mentions that as a preparation for the next VICI meeting (6th of June), everyone should finish the functional specifications of their modules and upload it to the SVN. Alina adds that everyone should create all needed tickets in TRAC. The tickets can be based on the tasks named in the Excel sheet. In the next meeting we will discuss the specifications.
3. Dmytro gives a short summary of the negotiation tournament run at AAMAS 2010. It was a competition about negotiation strategies. The participating agents had to negotiate in 3 domains. 5 teams took part in the competition with together 7 agents. The winning team came from a university in Japan. After the tournament a discussion round took place for 1 hour with about 10 participants. It turned out that there is interest in the competition, also for the coming year. Next year we would like to participate ourselves. Therefore, it has been decided that the winning team from Japan organizes the tournament at next year's AAMAS conference. Dmytro will publish the results of this year on the negotiation WIKI and write a paper about it. In addition, there will be a new Genius release that other research groups can experiment with.
4. Willem-Paul proposes to think about submitting not only to AI and HCI conferences, but also to IS conferences. It could be an area that is interested in the negotiation project. However, we need to think about it and not only submit one paper once. Catholijn wants to have a look at the field first. Birna mentions that we need to be careful, because they might have a different perspective in the field. When she reviewed papers for an IS conference once, she did not see the contribution/impact of the papers, but the other reviewers thought they were great.

We also mentioned the GDN journal in this discussion. It is also more oriented towards organizations, but since it deals with decision and negotiation it is safe for us to publish there. It is not clear, however how good the journal is. Despite some bad reputations it has a quite high impact factor.